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1. JUDGING FROM OUTWARD APPEARANCES AND UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS, IRANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY JAMSHID AMUZEGAR IS NOT GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT SAUDI POSITION ON OIL PRICES AS ANNOUNCED BY ZAKI YAMANI IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT LAST NIGHT. AMUZEGAR WAS LAST HEAD OF DELEGATION TO ARRIVE IN DOHA AND, UNLIKE OTHER DELEGATES, HE FAILED TO MAKE ANY ARRIVAL STATEMENT OR RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AT DOHA AIRPORT THIS MORNING.

2. RUMOR GOING THROUGH VISITING PRESS CORPS IS THAT YAMANI MADE DETOUR TO IRAN YESTERDAY WHILE EN ROUTE TO QATAR IN ORDER TO BRIEF AMUZEGAR ON LATEST SAUDI POSITION. WIDESPREAD OPINION IS THAT IRAN (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER PRICE HAWKS) HAVE BEEN TOLD OR OTHERWISE LED TO BELIEVE THAT YAMANI DOES NOT SERIOUSLY EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PREVENT A PRICE INCREASE AND THAT HIS REQUEST FOR CONTINUED FREEZE IS MERELY INITIAL NEGOTIATING STANCE. CONSEQUENTLY, EXPECTATIONS ARE THAT OPEC WILL BE ABLE TO REACH RELATIVELY AMICALBLE DECISION THAT WILL RESULT IN A "MODERATE" INCREASE OF PERHAPS EIGHT PERCE T.

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